

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019– 20 and thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/MC/PR13

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR – CORE
PAPER: PROSE

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

Section A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each: (4x10=40)

1. Explore the use of satire by Addison in his essay “Ladies’ Headdress”.
2. Comment on aspects of British culture in George Mike’s essay “Tea”.
3. Bring out the difference between popular travel writing and literary travel writing.
4. Comment on J K Rowling’s thoughts on failure in the Commencement Address delivered at Harvard University.
5. How does Maya Angelou convey her love for Shakespeare in her autobiography?
6. Discuss the techniques of essay writing with reference to any one of the texts prescribed.

Section B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 400 words each: (2x20=40)

7. How did the villagers of Mandya collectively celebrate the national leaders?
8. Analyse Maya Angelou’s account of her experiences as a child in Momma’s store.
9. How do Hugh and Colleen Gantzer describe the landscape of the ‘Arctic Amethyst mine of Lampivaara’?
10. Illustrate the differences between biography and autobiography.

Section C

III. Critically analyse the following passage with reference to the features of a speech.

(1x20=20)

11. The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note,

nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
